

## PRESS RELEASE

## **Hollister Police Department Expands Office Hours**

HOLLISTER, CALIFORNIA – February 24, 2009 – On March 2, 2009, the business hours of the Hollister Police Department will return to 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. on weekdays, excluding holidays. The Police Department will also be open during the noon hour on those days.

Because of staffing reductions, the department reduced its lobby hours to 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. on weekdays. That change was effective January 29, 2007.

With the passage of Measure T, the one-cent sales tax measure, the City Council authorized the hiring of an additional Police Services Officer (PSO) to staff the police department's Records Bureau. The police department has been actively recruiting two PSOs, one to replace an existing vacancy, and the other to fill the position funded through Measure T.

On Tuesday, February 17, the two new PSOs were sworn in and have begun working. The now fully staffed Records Bureau has a Police Services Supervisor and three Police Services Officers.

"The Hollister Police Department is pleased to be able to return to regular business hours for its Records Bureau," said Chief Jeff Miller. "The reduced hours were often maintained by only a Police Services Supervisor and a Police Services Officer. Though at many times they were overwhelmed, they did an outstanding job providing service."

The police department is also continuing its efforts to hire additional police officers as approved by the city council and funded by Measure T.

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